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'Hallie, would you like to drive down to the island with me? I am going to visit a patient there,' said Dr. Max Mar shall, putting his head in at the door of the sitting room, where Hallie was practicing a sonata.

'Yes, indeed! anything to escape this horried practice!' she exclaimed, jump ing up with an air of relief.

'You are flattering, upon my word, said her brother, smiling, as she dashed out of the room in search of her hat and

·How does the pic-nic come on?' he queried when they were fairly on their 'Oh, capital! I invited them all to-

day, and not one of them declined ! There is one girl in our class that I did not invite. But I am sure my reasons are very good ones. The girl's name is Huldah Lamb, and she lives over on the west side of the island. Her father is nothing but a common fisherman, and as poor as poverty. He's coarse, and uneducated 'and common. Belle Elmer has seen him; he went to her father's not long ago with fish to sell. Huldah used to go to school on the island, when they had any, but it has been closed for the past six month's. Last term she came to our school, and Mr Kerby put her into our class. To tell the truth, she is a smart scholar, but she is dread fully disagreeable Sin other ways. She talks very ungrammatically and dresses horribly; then, too, I feel very sure she has a badktemper."

'Suppose Huldah had your opportuni ties and advantages! The fact that she comes to school proves that she has some ambition, for it must be a long distance. How does she manage? Does she walk to town every day?"

She has a boat and rows up when the weather is not too bad; then she walks. It is three miles by laud, I heard her say one day; and she has not been absent onco.'

·Now, Hallie, I wish you would invite her to your pic nie. Give her a chance: you do not know what a kind word, or look, or act may do. But of course you mu-t make up your mind to treat her precisely as you do other guests, with the same welcome and friendly kindness; a little to see that others do not slight her or wound her feelings by thought less or unkind remarks. I know that this will not be quite pleasant, will, in fact, require some sacrifice on your part. but, my word for it, you not regreat it in the cud.'

'But,' said Hallie, rather reluctantly; 'I do wish it was any other occasion; I'm afraid it will spoil all our pleasure The others will look upon her as an in trader.' 'They will soon cease to do so if you use fact; and Greta and I will be there to help you.'

But I do not see what good is to ome of it '

·Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me,' Max said, gently

'Is that Huldah's home, do you sup pose?' asked Hallie, pointing to weatherbeaten cottage situted at the termination of the road, and some dis tance below them.

'It must be, as I was assured there was no other house near the beach. I shall have to be a little careful in driving down. It looks rather rough.'

It was rough, but they got along nicely, and soon drove up to the door. Just as they stopped, Huldah herself came round the corner of the house with a pair of oars in her arms

'Good afternoon, Huldah,' said Hallie. cordially. 'We are just in time to catch you. I see. Let me make you acquainted with my brother, Dr. Marshall.'

Max lifted his hat with as much deference as if Huldah had been a queen. She in return flushed and bowed rather awkwardly. She was, as Hallie had said, 'a striking looking girl' of rather a gypsyish cast. A brunette naturally, she was rendered still darker from constant exposure. The effect was neutralized, however, by the rich color that glowed in the rounded cheeks. Her dark hair was cut short and clung to her head in close earling locks, like a boy's. Her eyes exactly [matched her hair in color and were very frank and pleasant in expression. Altogether she was any thing but unpleasing, and Max was very much struck with her appearance

tf said, putting the oars down. Her voice little distance.

too, was pleasant; not the harsh tones that Max had expected to hear.

> 'No, thank you; we will not detain you, I have come to invite you to a picus young people out of mischief,' and in a yacht to Thompson's Grove, at the ower end of the island. We can stop here for you, and that will save you the ourney to town. I hope you will go.

'Thank ye,' said Huldah, hesitatingly But I s'pose the rest of the girls will be n a caliker.

'Indeed I shall not. I shall wear one myself, so we will keep each other company. You must not hesitate on that

'You will lose time by coming in af er me, when you are fairly under way, and p'raps the captain won't like it.'

'It is nothing to him any way. We nire his boat for the day, and of course he is bound to do what we wish him to. We are to start from the wharf at one o'clock, but I dou't suppose we shall reach here before two unless the wind is

'Yes; I'll go,' was Huldah's cone u-

'You were going rowing, Miss Hul dah, were you not?' said Max.

'Yes, I go every day, almost. Would n't you like to go ? I'd love dearly to take you.'

Hallie's eyes sparkled. 'Oh, I wish re might, Max! she said eagerly. 'You can row, too, and help Huldah, you know.

'I should be most happy,' was the re sponse; and in a few moments they were skimming over the water propelled by auldah's powerful arms, for she refused Max's offers of assistance with a laugh to it,' she declared.

'We have had a delightful row, Miss face. Huldah. I do not know when I have enjoyed one better,' Max said when the were parting an hour later.

'Yes, indeed, it was perfectly splendid have the pic nic on Thursday. Good

Wednesday dawned fair and cloudless, and all was bustle at the Marshalls' Boxes and baskets and pails were transported to the yacht; Fred in his jaunty sailor suit darting in and out, up stairs and down, calling, now for twine, now for nails; pressing everybody into ser ice, and creating a great commotion fter his usual fashion. At last every hing was carried away, and the house resumed its wonted quietness.

The party assembled promptly, and just as the town clock struck one the Swift,' with swelling sails left the

'Now we're off !' shouted Fred Mar-

Three cheers in honor of Miss Hal tie's birthday,' said Harry Perkins, the boat, waving his hat, and all joined lustily in the shout. Mirth prevailed, when suddenly Charley Lombard Fred's particular crony, and fully his equal in mischief, exclaimed, 'Why, we are putting n to shore; what's that for?'

We are going to take in the last of my guests, Huldah Lamb,' said Hallie.

There was a movement of surprise. and Belle and Maude looked at each other with expressions of disgust, while madeap May Tyrrel whispered, 'I wonder if she will wear her marm's best go-to-meetin' gown.'

Huldah stood on the beach, looking very bright and preity. Her dress of pink and white calico, though plain was neatly made especially becoming. I had no idea that Miss Lamb was

Maynard to Belle Elmer. 'She is good-looking enough if any

one admired that style, 'the responded, rather ungraciously. Thompson's Grove was a favorite

resort for pleasure parties, being a pleasant drive or sail, and affording every facility to bakes or pic-nies. The wind was favorable to-day, and the 'Swift' did not belie her iname, making unusually

'Why, there's Tom Harrison's sail boat! I wonder if he's in it?' said 'Won't you come into the house?' she Fred, as he caught sight of a sail at a

party. He's real jolly,' he continued, gained. casting a sly glance at Green

They were not long in overtaking the nic I am to give next Wednesday, to boat in which was seated a young man celebrate my fifteenth birthday. All with a particular merry countenance, the members of our class fare going, who accepted the proffered invitation besides a few others. My brother, here, with great readiness. Disembarkation and sister Greta are going, too, to keep | did not take long, as all turned to with a will and fransported the various arti-Hallie laughed merrily. 'We are going cles from the boat to the grove. Then the croquet sets were placed, and those who wished to play chose sides, while some stopped to watch the games and others strolled away.

who started off in search of oak leaves dressed up, and you'll be ashamed of me for wreaths, and Gus Maynard accompanied them, greatly to Belle's chagrin, for she was devoted to croquet, and had counted upon Gus for a partner. But he had taken a decided fancy to Huldah, who appeared particularly well to-day, and kept the party laughing by her witty smiles and shrewd remarks.

'Why I'd no idea there was so much in her, said one of the girls to fallie. 'Nor I,' she rejoined frankly, 'but I suppose it is our own fault that we have not found it out before.'

'See how it is clouding up,' remarked some one as they rose from the table, very favorable. 'You will go, won't after supper; for they had a table extemporized for the occasion.

'Do you think it is going to rain, 'aptain Wheeler ?' said one of the girls anxiously. I hope not, for it would spoil all our fun, fireworks, and then a moonlight night home."

'Wa a-l, no; it looks to me like change of wind. I shouldn't wonder if it blowed pooty hard for a spell, but stars peeped out one by one as they guess 'twill clear away pleasant by the glided out into the bay again. The time you're ready to start for hum.'

The wind was even now blowing pretty hard and the gray waves dashed against the rocks with an ominous ever, and would hardly loosen her grasp sound. Dr. Marsball was smoking his for a moment. All the pic-nickers were post praudial eight, as he paced the beach, when some one touched him on them with welcoming cheers Hullah It's nothin' but play to me, I'm so used the arm, and, turning the beheld Hul was quite a heroine for the rest of the dat with an annion of pression on her evening.

Dr. Marshall, your brother and May mornlight sail home. When they store Tyrrel went off in Mr. Harrison's boat ped to leave Huldah, Max went up hone just after supper, and they have not with her to give some directions respec come back. I have been up on the ting her wrist which was very lane. added Hallie. 'And oh, I forgot to say rocks to see if I could see them. The Gus Maynard accompanied her also, for that if it storms on Wednesday, we shall boat is on the other side of the bend, the pleasure of it apparently and quite a distance below, with ful spread sail. It is very rough, and the wind is against them; it looked to me as if they were in trouble-at any rate. they will be in great danger in a little while, I am afraid. Does your brother understand managing a sailboat?"

'Not in a squall. The foolbardy fellow! exclaimed Max, throwing away his eigar, But how can we help them?

There is the row boat belonging to the yacht. If you and Mr. Harrison and myself should start immediately, we could reach them in a little while.

Just at this moment Tom and Greta made their appearance.'

'What is the matter ?' exclaimed the latter, as she noticed their undisturbed faces. A few seconds served to explain and Tom Harrison started to disengage

But you must not go, Miss Huldah : I think we can manage without you, and I cannot consent to you putting yourself in peril.

'I am not afraid, and I am very strong I think my belp will not come amiss. and I may be able to do May some good. have understood that she hasn't much presence of mind,' said Huldah, quietly,

Max gave way, and in a moment more they were tossing upon the waves while Greta with her pale face and anxious heart watched them from the shore. The boat was a small one containing but two oars, and it was very hard rowing. Max in particular, felt the labor severely, for of late he had been so confined to his pratice that he had no time for rowing. He gave up his our to Huldah after a while in order to such a fine-looking girl, whispered Gus rest. And so by resting in turn they made very good progress, and soon rounded the bend where they saw the sail boat. The sail was still spread, through they could see that Fred was

'Ship aboy!' shouted Tom Harrison making a trumpet of his hands ; instant-

'If it is, let's ask him to join the dah steered. At length the goal was to Ferris, an' got hold o' sum whiskey You may paint a house ever so whits

Tom, hoarsely. Fred obeyed, and in a fellow ruther got away with him I guess. moment Tom was in the sailboat and at I wish he'd a killed the blasted beast.' work on the sail, which had become taugled in some way so that Fred could innocently pointing to the tobacco. do nothing with it. Tom's strength and who had been crouching in the bottom half dead from fright and sea sickness, | please but I tell you terbacker's a great looked up, and said, 'Oh, Huldah! you Huldah formed one of a merry group there? How dared you come! O! I am so glad to see you. I never expected o' the twist, but I like navy the best.' to see any one again,' and she burst into a fit of hysterical weeping.

'I think, Dr. Marshall that you can make that little cove over there. Father and I have been in there several times in rough weather,' said Huldah.

'It is useless to try to think of getting back to the grove until the gale subsides, said Max. 'We can tow the sailboat. Fred will you take your place,' Huldah noticing how white she looked.

'Come in here with me, Huldah; then I shall teel safe,' said May eagerly. Huldah made no objection for she could not do any more good. She had turned her wrist in grasping the painter and it pained her severely, but she would not mention it at such a time.

With a good deal of exertion they reached the cove and glided through a passage among the rocks into comparatively smooth water. Here they waited for nearly an hour. The win1 gradually subsided the clouds passed away and the wind had changed, as the captain had predicted and they danced merrily over the waves. May clung to Huldah, how gathered upon the beach, and greeted

Brave gal, that 'said Capt, Wheeler as they sped on their way again.

'A regular heroine,' asserted Gus, enthusiastically. 'She will make a noble woman I'v no doubt;' said May.

'If it hadn't been for her where would Fred and I be?' shuddered May. 'Oh, Max' whispered Hallie with tear

one of the greatest among us,' But Belle Elmer, with upturned dose declared afterward to her mother that she had a perfectly horrible time and for her part was sick of the sound of

Huldah Lamb's name."

ful eyes, 'instead of being the least she is

An Interesting Female.

A correspondent in Southern Missour gives the following delightful picture of society in that delectable region :

Driving along the road we encountered a slender, sallow female, with arm bare to the shoulders, and not much clothes on, if we except the copperas-colored petticoat, who was working a small patch of tobacco. The work was that of pulling off the shoots which are known as 'suckers,' and crushing the monstrous green worms.

I inquired if I could get a drink of of water. She spat out a mouthful of tobacco juice with a 'chirt' and said : 'Thar's the spring over yander and thar's a gourd in it '

Having slaked my thirst with draught of highly medicated fluid, which usted strongly of old horse shoe and hoop iron, I sought to strike up a con versation. In passing to the spring l saw a man with a very red and scotched face, and two dearfully bunged eyes,

sneaking off in the corn. 'Is that your husband there?' I in-

quired. 'Him? Not much, I reckon. My old man's gone down in the bottom to see if he can kill a mess o' squirrels, or maybe ly a hankerchief was waved as a signal a young turkey. I hat's Arkausas Jim, of distress. The sailboat was pitching the ornarist, treffinist, good for nothinfrightfully; it seemed as if she would be est whelp this side o' the Nation. He engulfed before they could reach her. hangs around and helps my old man The next few moments seemed like an and the hosses, but he ain't worth his eternity. It was a fearful struggle, salt. Come out o' ther yer durned ga- ser for all the balance. Paint aint noth-With set teeth Tom Harrison and Max loot, su' show yerself. Yestidy he car- ing-shape is everything They cant Marshall bent to their ours, while Hul- ried a cow down to Bresh creek we sold paint a shape nor a glance of the eye vents the down ruch of air

an got drunk as a matter o' course. 'Throw over the painter!' shouted Then he got into a fite and the other

'.vell, stranger' she replied, with skill, however, soon told, and the sail twinkle in her black eyes, 'you must be came rattling down. The relief was in awful green not to know that. Whar stantly per eptible, as the motion of the you been living all your life? Why little as they go, its all right. They can boat was cased considerably, and May, that's terbacker. We raise a little for our own use. People may say what they comfort. I couldn't get along without it. I say, stranger, have you got plenty

Unfortunately I don't chew but offered her a segar. 'A segar! Well I generally smoke a

pipe, but I don't mind tryin' your segar just for a change. She wiped the gum of the suckers on

her petticoat, and took the offered segar while I struck a match. After a few puffs she said : 'Well, I ruther like this. It's one of

them what yer call Havonner ain't it? Mighty nice tasted, but it don't go to the spot like a pipe. I say, strauger, wouldn't you like to see my old man? Just hitch our horse and tell the nigger to come in out o' the sun an' I'll blow the horn for him to come up.

I mildly suggested that I was afraid the 'ole man might be jealous-that men with handsome wives were generally

subject to that complaint.' 'Jealous! Jehu! I'd like to see him try that on me. I'd give him somethin' have any airs put on over me. Ez for and keep her that's all. bein' good lookin,' I've seen the time stranger when you might have said that told no lie. But havin' the ager and a raft o' yung uns an livin' like this'll take the starch outen a gall mighty soon, I tell you. This is a fine country for cows, but it's h-ll on women. Mornin' stranger. Next time you see a patch o' terbatker, you won't have to ask what

Bill Arp on a Bustle.

wouldn't take on so about the fashun,

business what the women put on or off. so they behave themselves and look just as purty as they can. They are a heap better than you or me any how, wether they behave or not. I wouldn't give one woman for several men no time, would you! Now see him smile and pat that off foot. If women want to wear bussels let em wear em. I thought that panears was the best because they stuck out sideways and wasent in the way of leanin back when they sat down, but they know which is the best side to stick out on. and its nobody's business but theirs. They may wear anything they want to, bussels and hoops and hangovers and convexes and collapses, whim diddles and stickouts and topnots come down, and anything else so their is a woman hid away somewhere inside of it all. Its all a sham-that rubber bussels-there aint no substance nor backbone in it. I ve seen em flat and seen em blowed up There ain't a bit of harm in em. but I never see one on a woman that I don't want to hit it just hard enough to make it pop. I golly, wouldn't she jump high and holler. But I'm not a going to do it; no sir. I've got too much respect for women. Their bussels don't hurt nobody, and I do despise to see a man always pickin at a woman's close. If they didn't wear something to disgise' em the men would quit business when they cum about. Purty women always did wear something to skeer the men away. Its been so forever. During the war I seed one jest dressed as naternal as life without any paddin or stuffin, and when she cum along the boys jest laid down and rolled over and hollered. They waren' fit for business for a week But I couldn't bear to see' em go with their faces all tied up like they do in Turkey. That would mighty nigh kill me. If I can look into their blessed countenances I can put up with their fore rigging and hind rigging and toy riggin and all. A good, sweet, purty tace speakes for all the balance of the craft, I wouldn't marry nary giri on earth till I see her face and not then if she dident suit me. If the eyes, uose and mouth are richt, natur is an endor-

but dout signify what's inside of it. But when you see bright roses and poses and blossoms in the front yard and a vine over door, and clean, clear winder 'What is that truck?' I enquired, glass shining, you may bet your hat on the balance. You needent worry about the bussels nor the back. Women have been doing that way ever since old Soloman wrote about 'em. If they do lean a straighten up when its necessary. No spinal disease about that. Thems the very sort what can lift two bushels of meal without crackin a bone. Its only passing fashun-and will last till something else comes a long. Nature made em, that way, and you can't change it. The more you abuse their bussels. The more they'l stick em at you-so let em alone; I say. They are all the same about fashuus, and the last one would put em on, if they had their own way and plenty of money. I wish I was rich enuf to give every lady in the land a string of diamands and a hat full of pearls. Good gracius; how quick that Methodists discipline would be busted on the jewelry business. Well, I do like them to look party and so far as I am concerned, if ribbons and flowers and flounces and furs will do it, its all right Some of the birds highly dressed up mighty fine, and I reckon their pride aint much of a sin after all But understand me, Mark, I don't hanker after bussels, tho they do say it makes the nicest little shelf for the arms to rest on in the world, when a feller is dancing around with his gal. That's all right to be jealous for. He knows durned provided the feller ain't a descing with well that I'm all right, and that I won't ony gal. If he is, why he may take her

BILL ARP

A gentleman from Swampville was telling how many different occupations he had attempted. Among others he

Examining a Candidate.

had tried school teaching. 'How long did you teach' asked a bystander. Wa'al, I didn't teach long-that is a

only went to teach." 'Did you hire out.

'Wa'al, I didn't hire out? I only wan-See here, Mark Antony, If I was you ted to hire out." Why did you give it up' They don't bother me. Its none of your

Wa'al, I gave it up for some reason or nuther. You see, I traveled itte a deestrict and inquired for the trustees. Somebody said that Mr. Snickles was the man I wanted to see. So I found Mr Suickles, stated my object introduced myself and asked what he thought about leteing me try my luck with the big boys and unruly gals in the deestrict He wanted to know if I really consider ed myself capable; and I told him I wouldn't mind his asking me a few casyquestions in Ritumetic and Jography or show my hand writing. He said, never mind he could tell a good teacher by his gait. Let me see you walk off a little ways," says he and I can tell jis's well's I heard you examined. He set in the door as he spoke and I thought he looked a little skittish. But I was considerable frustrated and I didn't care much: so I tured about and walked as I knowed how. He said he,d tell me when to sto, so I kep' on til I thought I'd gone far enough. Then I spected something was to pay and I look 'round. Wa'al the door was strut and Snickles was gone.

One Joe Ware was so deeply in love with a young lady whom he often visited that at last he offered her his heart and hand. She replied that in offers like these her mother cautioned her to beware. "Your mother was right said her lover. "Be Ware by all means : but let it be Mrs. Joe Ware." She rested her head on his shoulder and the contract was scaled

A party of swindlers from the East have taken advantages of the fact that there is no law in Nebraska against lotteries to advertise extensively the Omaha lottery in aid of the State Orphan Asylum. The scheme has no connection what wer with the Asylum, is not under obarge of State officers and those who buy tickets in it can expect to lose their

To cure a smoky chimney inflate a large ox bladder with air and tie sit by the neck to a stick and place it across, the inside about two feet from the top The buoyance of the air keeps the blad. der in a circular motion and thus pres

regard salt where your based A or